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## DOMESTIC RABBIT RAISING SUBJECT OF NEW LEAFLET

The production of domestic rabbits has developed during the past few years into an industry that promises to become important throughout the whole country, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, in a leaflet, just issued, on "Raising Domestic Rabbits," by D. Monroe Green, associate biologist of the Biological Survey. Rabbits have been bred for meat and fur in this country for many years, and during this time the meat of both wild and domestic varieties has had a place on the American table, and the pelts have been a staple in the fur trade.

In the Western States, especially in southern California, many breeders keep 1,000 rabbits, and some as many as 5,000 or more. Large numbers of persons in the rural districts keep at least a few. Several slaughterhouses are operated in the Los Angeles district, where each month from 25,000 to 50,000 rabbits are killed, dressed, and marketed, and the demand still keeps ahead of the supply. More than \$1,000,000 worth of dressed rabbit was marketed in the city of Los Angeles in 1926, and rabbit is served at hotels and restaurants along with other meats.

Practices in marketing rabbits and in the management and organization of rabbitries, breeds and varieties, breeding and feeding practices, and house and hutch construction are treated concisely in the new leaflet, and several recipes for cooking rabbit meat are given. Domestic rabbits, it is stated, are cleanly in habits, and the nature of their food makes the meat tender, sweet, and excellently flavored.

Copies of "Raising Domestic Rabbits" (Leaflet No. 4) may be obtained free, as long as the supply lasts, upon request addressed to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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